



Stanislaus County Library

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Upcycling featured in craft programs at the Empire Library

Empire Library will teach children how to turn household objects into creative crafts.

Old household items will receive new life through craft programs at the Empire Library this August. Children and their families will learn how to “upcycle” or repurpose items into unique crafts.

On Thursday, Aug. 2 at 3:30 p.m. children will learn how to create an “ocean in a bottle.” During this STEAM* craft, children add water, corn oil, and food coloring to water bottles. (*Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) When shook, the children will be able to observe waves inside of their bottles.

Pool noodles will be turned into spiders on Thursday, Aug. 9 at 3:30 p.m. Crafters will use pool noodle slices, fuzzy craft supplies, and googly eyes to make cute spiders.

Children can experiment with diffusion art on Thursday, Aug. 16 at 3:30 p.m. Participants can color coffee filters with markers, and then spray the filters with water to watch the color diffuse.

On Thursday, Aug. 23 children can visit the library to make tinfoil robots at 3:30 p.m. The library will provide small boxes, tinfoil, and a variety of hardware and craft materials for children to use in constructing their robots.

Beverage corks will be featured in a craft on Thursday, Aug. 30 at 3:30 p.m. Children can create a variety of characters using corks, paint and assorted craft supplies.

“Upcycling is a popular new trend. Household items that were once thrown away or recycled can be used to create works of art,” said Diane Ramirez, Empire Library supervisor. “A water bottle can be transformed into an aquarium. Coffee filters, markers and water can create beautiful works of art. These crafts will help parents and children explore the possibilities.”

The Empire Library is located at 18 South Abbie. For more information, please contact the Empire Library supervisor, Diane Ramirez, at 209-524-5505. Information about regularly recurring library programs can be found on the library’s website, www.stanislauslibrary.org, under the “Events and Classes” tab.

About the Stanislaus County Library

The Stanislaus County Library engages all members of the community and offers access to information, knowledge, and the tools for innovation and personal development. With 13 locations throughout the county, the Library offers a diverse collection of free materials, computer access and Wi-Fi, Story Times, programming for all ages, and more. To learn more about the Library’s wide array of programs and services, visit www.stanislauslibrary.org.

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